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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINS, PORS, EAIR, IT
SUBJ: AMCITS INVOLVED IN AIRCRAFT HIJACKING

REFS: (A) STATE 197921; (B) ROME 13016 (NOTAL)

1. BASED ON INFORMATION RECEIVED DURING DISCUSSIONS
WITH LOCAL AIRPORT AND POLICE AUTHORITIES AND AIRLINE
REPRESENTATIVES, THERE APPEARS LITTLE LIKELIHOOD THAT
IN THE EVENT OF AN AIRCRAFT HIJACKING, PERSONS HAVING
BOARDED THE AIRCRAFT AT AN ITALIAN AIRPORT COULD BE
IDENTIFIED AS AMERICAN CITIZENS.

2. AIRLINE MANIFESTS DO NOT HAVE NOTATION AS TO
CITIZENSHIP OF PASSENGERS. POLICE OFFICIALS WHO CHECK
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PASSPORTS AT ITALIAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS UNDER-
STANDABLY ARE MORE CONCERNED WITH ARRIVING PASSENGERS
THAN DEPARTING ONES. THEY DO NOT MAINTAIN ANY LISTS
OF NAMES OF PASSENGERS OR TALLY OF AMERICANS BOARDING
ANY PARTICULAR FLIGHT. ITALIAN AIRPORT PERSONNEL,
WHO, FOR THE MOST PART, PROVIDE GROUND SERVICE FOR
THE AIRLINES, ALSO DO NOT MAINTAIN A LIST OF THE

NATIONALITY OF PASSENGERS. WHEN EMBARKING PASSENGERS
CHECK-IN, AIRPORT OFFICIAL COMPARES NAME OF PASSENGER

AS IT APPEARS ON TICKET STUB WITH THE NAME IN THE
PASSENGER'S PASSPORT. THE STUBS, WHICH DO NOT CONTAIN
NOTATION ON PASSENGER'S NATIONALITY, ARE SUBSEQUENTLY
COLLECTED AND HELD FOR ONLY A SHORT TIME FOLLOWING
FLIGHT DEPARTURE.

3. AIRLINE PERSONNEL SUGGESTED THAT ONLY POSSIBILITY
FOR DETERMINING CITIZENSHIP WOULD BE TO COMPARE AIR-
LINE FLIGHT MANIFEST NAMES, WHICH MOST AIRLINES USUSALLY
COMPUTERIZE AND STORE FOR AT LEAST DURATION OF FLIGHT,
WITH NAMES IN DEPARTMENT'S PASSPORT FILES.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: IN VIEW OF THE GENERALLY
NEGATIVE RESPONSES OF AIRPORT, POLICE AND AIRLINE
OFFICIALS ON POSSIBILITY OF DETERMINING WHETHER US
CITIZENS HAVE EMBARKED ON A FLIGHT, REQUEST WASHINGTON
GUIDANCE ON WHETHER THERE ARE OTHER AVENUES EMBASSY
SHOULD EXPLORE IN EFFORT TO OBTAIN SUCH INFORMATION.
AS STATED REF B, EMBASSY DEVELOPING ITS CONTINGENCY
PLANS FOR HIJACK CASES, INCLUDING REVISIONS TO
INSTRUCTIONS TO DUTY OFFICERS, AND WOULD APPRECIATE
EARLY RESPONSE TO OUR REQUEST (REF B) FOR GUIDANCE. HOLMES

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